

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

GREETING (MATTHEW 11:28-29)

"Come to me, all you that labor and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

✦ OPENING SONG

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY, Tune: Kingsfold

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (BASED ON ROMANS 8:22-24 AND 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58)

Leader: We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;
People: *and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.*

Leader: For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

People: *Therefore, let us be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because we know that in the Lord our labor is not in vain.*

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

WE LABOR UNTO GLORY, w/m by Craig Harris and Isaac Wardell

CALL TO CONFESSION (COLOSSIANS 1:9-12)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have not lived as you have taught us. We have put our longing for money, success, or happiness above our desire for you and your kingdom. We worry about what others will think, what we wear, how our reputation can be polished. We make idols out of the winning record of a sport team, the next promotion at work, the perfect family, the cleanliness of our house, or the latest technology. We are so busy with our lives that we forget our every breath depends on you. Forgive us for thinking of ourselves before others and before you. Free us from unreasonable expectations of ourselves and others, from the need to compete, and from loss of perspective so that we may glorify you in all we think, say, and do. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

PROCLAMATION OF GRACE (COLOSSIANS 1:13-14)

✦ GRATEFUL RESPONSE

HYMN # 72 – *GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS*

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

"May the peace of Christ be with you....And, also with you"

At this time, the congregation may greet each other and exchange signs of peace.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE READING

1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-12

Steve Marker, reader

Leader: Blessed are those who hear and keep what is written, in the light of Jesus, the Word made flesh.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

✦ SONG OF FAITH

THE LONG MILE, w/m by Brad Busiek

STORIES OF FAITH AT WORK

If you have a brief story or words of wisdom about the challenges and joys of how faith has shaped your work in your occupation or in your home, we invite you to share your experiences.

WE EMBRACE GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING

In response to God's love, we are invited to reflect on how we might give thanks to God through the sharing of our time, talents, and treasures. (During this time, offering plates will be passed down the pews. There is no obligation to give. You may also choose to indicate your presence or desire to connect by placing a blue connect card in the offering plate.)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ. You are invited to come forward as the spirit leads you and take a cup of bread nested with a cup of juice. (All of it is gluten-free.) Choose any set of nested cups and you may partake of it when you return to your seat. (Those at home may join us with any bread or juice from your house.)

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE IN THE WORLD

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING (DEUTERONOMY 10:12-13)

✦ GRATEFUL RESPONSE

HYMN # 529 – *FOR ALL THE SAINTS*

✦ POSTLUDE

✦ *Those who are able, are invited to stand.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Warm Welcome to Everyone! We are glad you have joined us for worship today and hope you feel welcomed and loved. We invite everyone to gather in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service for coffee, cookies, and conversations.

Deacon Offering - The deacons share the redeeming love of Jesus Christ with anyone in distress. They encourage and nurture everyone's participation in extending confidential care and compassion for all people in our local community and our church family who are in need of assistance. Contact one of our deacons or Pastor Brad if you need help. This morning, will you please consider donating to this work?

5k Walk to Benefit the East County Food Pantry at SMPC Tomorrow - We are hosting our first annual 5k "Walk for Your Neighbor" fundraiser to benefit our food pantry at Fairview Community Park from 9:00 to noon. Come on down! We welcome everyone's support.

Tomorrow, September 2 - Lunch at the Fork - Plan to have lunch at the Fairview Food Plaza and they will donate 10% to the food pantry. Be sure to mention the 5k when you order. Everyone is welcome!

Scrooge the Musical - We are partnering with a theater group to host a musical in our sanctuary in December. We need people to be actors, tech helpers, and greeters to make this production fabulous. Auditions for church and community members will be held in our sanctuary on Saturday and Sunday, September 7 & 8, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Please contact Grace at grievegenerations@gmail.com or 503-757-2390 if you would like more information.

Check the Calendar Below and the Letter Board in the Lobby - We have *new things* beginning this week. Everyone is invited to join the activities.

Regular Happenings at Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church				
Day	Time	Event	Place	Contact
Sunday	11:30 - 12:15 pm	Choir - begins today!	Sanctuary	Michael Day
2nd Sunday	11:30 - 1:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting	Upper Room	Connie Erickson
Monday	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Summer Youth Group	Youth Room	Phoebe Busiek
Tuesday	10:30 - 11:30 am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Linda Murphy
Wednesday	10:00 - 11:30 am	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	Lyn Palmer
Wednesday	10:00 - 3:00 pm	Sewing	Upper Room	Gayle Burke
3rd Wednesday	5:30 - 6:30 pm	Community Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Brad Busiek
3rd Wednesday	6:30 - 8:00 pm	FAM-JAM	Lawn & Classrooms	Brad Busiek
Wednesday	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Bell Choir - begins 9/11	Sanctuary	Michael Day
Thursday	10:30 - 11:30 am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Linda Murphy
Thursday	6:30 - 8:00 pm	Bible Study - begins 9/12	Bachelor Home	Brenda Haran
2 nd /4 th Thursday	12:00 - 2:00 pm	Knitting and Crocheting	Fireside Room	Joyce Botsch
Friday	10:00 - 11:30 am	Food Pantry Prep	Church campus	Julie Weindel
Saturday	9:00 - 12:30 pm	Food Pantry Distribution	Church campus	Julie Weindel
3 rd Saturday	Usually 4:00 pm	Outriggers	Location varies	Barbara Lintner

Next Week's (September 8) Sunday Servants

Greeters:	Cheryl Rush and Ruth Jones	Special Helper:	Jennie Spencer
Ushers:	Ron and Janet Emch	Scripture Reader:	Willard Burks
Children's Chapel:	Sherri Burks and Jessica Ferris	Refreshments:	2nd Week Fellowship
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